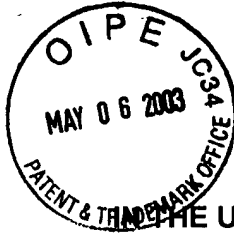


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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
EXAMINING GROUP 3621  
Docket No.: 1405.1020

THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Hideyuki HIRANO et al.

Serial No. 09/559,259

Group Art Unit: 3621

Confirmation No. 2237

Filed: April 27, 2000

Examiner: James A. Reagan

For: DATA MANAGEMENT METHOD

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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

Attention: **BOX AF**  
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This is in response to the Office Action mailed February 7, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on May 7, 2003.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Entry of this Amendment and reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested because the amendments and remarks clarify the patentably distinguishing features of the present invention over the relied upon references.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this Amendment, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

**IN THE CLAIMS**

Please **REPLACE** claims 1-3 and 5-17 as follows.

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*B.*  
(ONCE AMENDED) A data management method comprising:  
preparing a substantive data unit by encrypting digital content that is for distribution;  
extracting a portion of the digital content as sample data, and preparing a sample data unit wherein authorization information containing information for accessing the encrypted digital content is embedded as invisible information in the sample data unit; and



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<b>REPLY/AMENDMENT FEE TRANSMITTAL</b>	Attorney Docket No.	1405.1020	
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	First Named Inventor	Hideyuki HIRANO et al.	
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AMOUNT ENCLOSED	\$0.00	Examiner Name	James A. Reagan

**FEE CALCULATION (fees effective 01/01/03)**

CLAIMS AS AMENDED	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid For	Number Extra	Rate	Calculations
TOTAL CLAIMS	26	- 26 =	0	X \$ 18.00 =	\$ 0.00
INDEPENDENT CLAIMS	3	- 3 =	0	X \$ 84.00 =	0.00

Since an Official Action set an original due date of May 7, 2003, petition is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this reply is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month (\$110); 2 months (\$410); 3 months (\$930); 4 months (\$1,450); 5 months (\$1,970)):

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SUBMITTED BY: STAAS & HALSEY LLP

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Signature		Date	May 6, 2003